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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DAMARAS REAFFIRM CONDITIONS

FOR TALKS KAPUUNO NAMES DELEGATES

REF: PRETORIA 2031

1. FOLLOWING JOINT MEETING HELD JULY 6 NEAR WINDHOEK, DAMARA TRIBAL EXECUTIVE (DTE) AND DAMARALAND ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC) ISSUED STATEMENT REITERATING PREVIOUS DEMAND (REFTEL) FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION AS CONDITION FOR DAMARA PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS. STATEMENT ALSO WARNED THAT DAMARA UNITED FRONT (WHICH UNCONDITIONALLY SUPPORTS TALKS) IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF DAMARA PEOPLE BUT ONLY OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

2. RAISING TWO NEW OBJECTIONS DTE AND DAC SAID THAT POLITICAL EXILES MUST BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO NAMIBIA TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FORMAL DISCUSSIONS. OBJECTION ALSO MADE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO FACT THAT SWA WHITES HOLD SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP.

STATEMENT SAID THIS VIOLATES CONCEPT OF SELF-DETERMINATION
FOR PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA.

3. ON JULY 3 HERERO CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUUO NAMED
TWENTY-NINE DELEGATES, INCLUDING HIMSELF, FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
TALKS. KAPUUOS STATEMENT SAID THESE DELEGATES WERE THE
"TRUE LEADERS" OF THE HERERO NATION.

4. COMMENT: WITH CHIEF KAPUUO NOW DEFINITELY INTENT OP
PARTICIPATING IN TALKS, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF HEREROS.
DAMARAS REMAIN ONLY GROUP STILL HOLDING OUT. DESITE FACT
THAT DAMARAS ARE THIRD LARGEST POPULATION GROUP(AFTER
OVAMBOS AND WHITES) SAG AND SWA ADMINISTRATION COULD STILL
CONVENE TALKS, MAINTAINING THAT VAST MAJORITY OF " PEOPLES"
OF NAMIBIA WILL BE OFFICIALLY REPRESENTED. GOVERNMENT IS
OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO GET TALKS GOING AND MAY BE WILLING TO
SACRIFICE DESIRED ALL-INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION.
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